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use the flexible display panel **14** folded inside the containing space **22** for watching a displayed content, the user can open the cover portion **110** to rotate relative to the connecting portion **108** and the body portion **106**, so that the main body **102** can be changed from a folded state in FIG. **9** to the expanded state in FIG. **13**. During the said rotating process, because the first display section **24** is fixed to the cover portion **110** and the second display section **26** is slidably disposed on the body portion **106**, the first display section **24** can be rotated with the cover portion **110** from a position in FIG. **9** to a position in FIG. **13**. The second display section **26** can be pulled by the first display section **24** and guided by the sliding block **210** sliding along the sliding slot **212**, such that the second display section **26** will move from a position that covers part of the keyboard device **204** as shown in FIG. **9** to a position that uncovers the keyboard device **204** as shown in FIG. **13** (at this time, the elastic part **214** is in a compressed state). In the meanwhile, the supporting structure **202** will rotate from a folded state in FIG. **9** to a horizontally expanded state in FIG. **13** with the cover portion **110**, wherein the plurality of third supporting layers **206** will be changed from a radial arrangement in FIG. **9** to an arrangement being against one another in FIG. **13**. Furthermore, the user can slide the fixing device **208** from a position located on a side of the body portion **102** to a position in FIG. **10**, so as to fix the cover portion **110**, the connecting portion **108** and the body portion **106**. Thus, the electronic device **200** can be in the expanded state securely.

In such a manner, the electronic device **200** cannot only provide an operating sense of opening books, but also provide a bottom of the flexible display panel **14** with a cushion protection and a fully planar support by the soft protecting layer **152**, the first supporting layer **116**, the second supporting layer **118** and the plurality of third supporting layers **206** when the flexible display panel **14** is in the expanded state. Accordingly, the user can operate the flexible display panel **14** (such as a touch by a touch pen) without concerning damage of the flexible display panel **14** due to a large force applied by user or no support from the bottom of the flexible display panel **14**. Furthermore, because the keyboard device **204** is not covered by the second display section **26** when the main body **102** is in the expanded state in FIG. **13**, the user can use the keyboard device **204** conveniently.

It should be noticed that the said sliding blocks **210** can be against the pulling force from the first display section **24** cooperatively with the second display section **26** when the first display section **24** rotates with the cover portion **110** so as to make the second display section **26** slide relative to the body portion **106**. Accordingly, the pulling force exerted onto the second display section **26** can be reduced, so as to achieve the purpose of protecting the second display section **26**.

On the other hand, when the user wants to fold up the electronic device **200**, the user needs to push the fixing device **208** to be detached from the cover portion **110**, the connecting portion **108** and the body portion **106** first, such that the cover portion **110** can rotate relative to the body portion **106** and the connecting portion **108**. Subsequently, the user needs to pull the cover portion **110** to rotate relative to the connecting portion **108** and the body portion **106**, such that the main body **102** can be changed from the expanded state in FIG. **13** back to the folded state in FIG. **9**. During the said rotating process, the first display section **24** can be folded from the position in FIG. **13** to the position in FIG. **9** with rotary of the cover portion **110**. In addition, since the second display section **26** is no longer pulled by the first display section **24**, the sliding block **210** can be pushed to slide along the sliding slot **212** by elastic force provided from the elastic part **214**, so as to drive

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the second display section **26** to move from a position in FIG. **13** back to a position in FIG. **9**. Accordingly, an automatic return of the second display section **26** can be achieved. In the meanwhile, the supporting structure **202** will be changed from the expanded state in FIG. **13** back to the folded state in FIG. **9** with rotary of the cover portion **110** as well. Accordingly, the electronic device **200** not only takes the foldable design of the main body **102** to protect the flexible display panel **14**, but also has a smaller volume for the user to carry conveniently.

The said guiding design is not limited to assembly of the sliding block and the sliding slot mentioned in the said embodiment, the present invention can also adopt other guiding design. For example, please refer to FIG. **14**, which is a partially sectional diagram of the second display section **26** being disposed on the body portion **106** according to another embodiment of the present invention. In this embodiment, the electronic device **200** includes a protruding part **216** instead of the sliding block **210** and the sliding slot **212** mentioned in the aforesaid embodiment. The protruding part **216** is connected to the second supporting layer **118** and is a T-shaped sliding part. A sliding rail **218** is formed on the body portion **106** correspondingly. The protruding part **216** is slidably disposed inside the sliding rail **218**, so as to guide the second display section **26** to move relative to the body portion **106** when the cover portion **110** is rotated relative to the body portion **106**.

It should be noticed that disposal of the keyboard device **204**, the third supporting layer **206**, the fixing device **208**, the sliding block **210**, the sliding slot **212**, the elastic part **214**, the protruding part **216** and the sliding rail **218** utilized in the electronic device **200** can be alternatively applied to the other embodiments of the present invention, so as to increase the structural variation of the electronic device provided by the present invention. Furthermore, assembly of the keyboard device **204** and the body portion **106** is not limited to the said embodiment. For example, the keyboard device **204** can be pivotally connected to one end of the body portion **106** instead. In such a manner, the keyboard **204** can be folded on the body portion **106** with the flexible display panel **14** when the electronic device **200** is in the folded state, and can be rotated to a side of the body portion **106** for the user to operate when the electronic device **200** is in the expanded state.

Those skilled in the art will readily observe that numerous modifications and alterations of the device and method may be made while retaining the teachings of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic device for providing a display panel with planar support, the electronic device comprising:
  - a main body comprising:
    - a body portion;
    - a connecting portion pivotally connected to the body portion; and
    - a cover portion pivotally connected to the connecting portion so as to be capable of rotating relative to the body portion, a containing space being formed by the cover portion, the body portion and the connecting portion; and
  - a flexible display panel disposed in the containing space in a curved manner, the flexible display panel comprising a first display section and a second display section, the first display section being fixed to the cover portion, the second display section being slidably disposed on the body portion.
2. The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the first display section is attached to the cover portion.